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I. Introduction

1. By its resolution 57/270 of 20 December 2002, the General Assembly decided to establish an open-ended ad hoc working group under the chairmanship of the President of the Assembly, with two vice-chairmen to be elected by the working group, to produce concrete recommendations to ensure an integrated and coordinated follow-up to the outcomes of the United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields.

2. By the same resolution, the General Assembly also decided that the working group would commence its substantive work during the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly, no later than January 2003, and would submit its report before 27 June 2003, for consideration by the General Assembly and action before the close of the fifty-seventh session in 2003.

3. The Working Group held 13 formal meetings (1-13) on 27 January, 3, 4, 7 and 24 February, 27 March, 22 April, 12 and 13 May and 4, 5 and 6 and 13 June 2003. The Working Group also held a series of informal meetings from January through June 2003.

4. The President of the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, Mr. Jan Kavan (Czech Republic) served as Chairman of the Working Group.

5. At its 1st meeting, on 27 January 2003, the Working Group elected Mr. Jean de Ruyt (Belgium) and Mr. Nana Effah-Apenteng (Ghana) as Vice-Chairmen by acclamation. The two Vice-Chairmen also served as Co-Chairmen of the informal meetings.

6. At its 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th meetings, on 27 January and on 3, 4, 7 and 24 February, the Working Group considered its work programme, including the issue of periodicity and duration of its meetings.

7. At its 4th meeting, on 7 February, the Working Group approved the following agenda (A/AC.269/1) for its work:

"1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, at national, regional and international levels:

- The role of Member States;
- The role of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions;
- The role of other relevant institutional stakeholders;
- The role of other relevant stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector;
- Review of progress in the implementation of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits.

"2. Integrated and coordinated follow-up to the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/270, paragraph 2:

- The role of the General Assembly;
- The role of the Economic and Social Council:
  - Functional commissions;
  - Regional commissions;
  - Governing bodies of funds and programmes;
- The role of the United Nations system, including specialized agencies.

"3. Consideration of the work of the plenary of the General Assembly and its Second and Third Committees relevant to the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including the modalities of reports presented to the General Assembly.

"4. How best to address the review of the implementation of the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including format and periodicity.

"5. Other matters."

II. Consideration of draft proposals

8. At the 7th meeting of the Working Group, on 22 April, draft proposals were presented by the representatives of Morocco (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China),[1] Greece (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), Canada (also on behalf of Australia, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland), the United States of America, Japan, Mexico and Croatia.

9. At its 8th meeting, on 9 May, the Working Group authorized the Bureau to consolidate the proposals presented at its 7th meeting and to present a working paper to the group at its subsequent meeting.

10. At its 9th meeting, on 12 May, the Co-Chairman, Mr. Effah-Apenteng, introduced the working paper submitted by the Bureau.

11. At its 10th meeting, on 13 May, the Co-Chairman, Mr. Effah-Apenteng, made a statement on the organization of work of the Working Group.

12. At the 11th meeting, on 27 May, the Co-Chairman, Mr. Effah-Apenteng, made a statement. At the same meeting, the Bureau nominated Mr. Henri Stephan Raubenheimer (South Africa) as facilitator for the informal process.

13. At the 12th meeting, on 6 June, the Co-Chairman, Mr. Effah-Apenteng, made a statement on the organization of work of the Working Group.

[1] Subsequently issued in document A/AC.269/L.1.

14. At the 13th meeting, on 13 June, the Co-Chairman, Mr. Effah-Apenteng, made a statement on the organization of work of the Working Group.

III. Recommendations

15. At its ___ meeting, on __ June 2003, the Ad Hoc Working Group decided to recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

[Text of the draft resolution]

16. At the same meeting, the Ad Hoc Working Group decided to submit its draft report to the General Assembly.